

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES

Regulation 4VAC15-270. Game: Firearms.

4VAC15-270-40. Shooting or carrying rifle or pistol over public inland waters.

It shall be unlawful to shoot a rifle or pistol at wild birds or animals on or over the public inland waters of this Commonwealth; provided, however that licensed trappers may shoot a .22 caliber rimfire rifle or pistol on or over public inland waters for the purpose of dispatching a trapped animal. It shall be unlawful to carry a loaded rifle or pistol on a boat or other floating device on the public inland waters for the purpose of hunting wild birds and wild animals; provided, however, that unloaded rifles or pistols may be transported by boat from one point to another. Nothing in this regulation applies to department personnel conducting wildlife management activities on the public waters of the Commonwealth.

4VAC15-270-80. Shotgun shell capacity for non-migratory game and migratory game birds.

A. It shall be lawful to hunt non migratory game with unplugged shotguns.

B. It shall be unlawful to hunt migratory game birds with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber, combined, unless otherwise authorized by the director and consistent with applicable federal regulations.